

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 00094 051358Z

44

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DOTE-00 EB-07 COME-00 TRSE-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-02 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-02

OPR-02 ST-01 AGR-10 L-03 H-02 OMB-01 AID-05 EUR-12

/081 W

----- 108734

R 051240Z JAN 76

FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5016

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

UNCLAS TEHRAN 0094

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD, ELTN, TU, IR

SUBJ: TURKISH FEES ON TRUCKS IN TRANSIT

1. THE TEHRAN ENGLISH NEWSPAPER AKYHAN INTERNATIONAL HEADLINED ON JANUARY 3 QTE SHOCK BOOST IN TURKISH TRANSIT FEES FOR TRUCKS. UNQTE. THE ARTICLE, WHOSE CONTENT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY GOI AND IRANIAN TRUCK COMPANY OFFICIALS, REPORTS THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT DECREE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, WHICH RAISES TRANSIT FEES ON TRUCKS AND IMPOSES A NEW FUEL TAX ON TRANSIT TRUCKS, THE EFFECT OF WHICH IS CLAIMED TO RAISE THE TRANSIT FEES FIVEFOLD. SPECIFICALLY, THE RATES ARE ALLEGED TO RISE FROM THE PRESENT NINE(9) TURKISH KRUSH PER TON PER KILOMETER(100 KRUSH EQUAL ONE TURKISH LIRE, WHICH IS ABOUT 4.5 IRANIAN RIALS OR US 6.5 CENTS) TO 40 KRUSH PER TON/KILOMETER. THE NEW FUEL TAX REPORTEDLY IS 75 KRUSH PER KILOMETER. FURTHER, WHILE TO DATE EMPTY TRUCKS HAVE PAID A TOKEN FEE OF ABOUT DOLS 20, THEY WILL NOW BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE FUEL TAX PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 1.5 LIRAS PER TON/KM IN TRANSIT CHARGES. THE ARTICLE QUOTED IRANIAN TRUCKING FIRMS' CALCULATIONS THAT TRANSIT CHARGES ON A FULLY-LOADED 22 TON TRUCK MOVING THROUGH TURKEY WILL JUMP FROM DOLS 260 TO DOLS 1,214, NOT INCLUDING THE FUEL TAX AND TRANSIT FEE OF DOLS 286 WHICH THE TRUCK WOULD PAY ON ITS EMPTY RETURN TRIP. A MAJOR IMPACT WAS VISUALIZED HITTING

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 00094 051358Z

IRANIAN EXPORTS OF COTTON AND DRIED FRUITS, WHICH USE THE ROAD ROUTE

TO EUROPE. ON COTTON THE COST INCREASE WAS ESTIMATED AT RIALS 5 PER KILO. TWO MAJOR TRUCKING FIRMS CONTACTED SAID THEY HAD SUSPENDED ORDERS FOR FREIGHT MOVEMENT THROUGH TURKEY.

2. THE KAYHAN ARTICLE STATES THAT IRAN WILL NOT BENEFIT FROM A PREFERENTIAL LOWER TRANSIT TARIFF OF 25 KRUSH PER TON/KM ENJOYED BY COUNTRIES HAVING A TRANSIT AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY. IRANIAN SOURCES WERE QUOTED SAYING THAT THE RECENT IRAN-TURKISH ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT (TEHRAN 10436 OF 1975) DEPENDED ON THE TWO COUNTRIES REACHING AGREEMENT ON TRANSIT RIGHTS. MR. MIRBAHA, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ASIA, AUSTRALIA AND AFRICA, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE, TOLD THE EMBASSY THE GOI IS STUDYING THE TURKISH CABINET DECREE AND HE EXPRESSED HIS PUZZLEMENT THAT THE GOT WOULD HAVE ACTED IN THIS WAY SO SHORTLY AFTER OBTAINING THE PROMISE OF SO MUCH CREDIT FROM IRAN.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING CLARIFICATION OF THIS NEW DECREE FROM THE TURKISH EMBASSY AT TEHRAN. EMBASSY ANKARA'S COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED; INCLUDING THE CABLE TEXT OF GOT DECREE IF AVAILABLE.
HELMS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TRUCKS, HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION TAXES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 JAN 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TEHRAN00094
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760002-0766
From: TEHRAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760185/aaaacxwo.tel
Line Count: 83
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: castelsl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 JAN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 JAN 2004 by harleykd>; APPROVED <13 AUG 2004 by castelsl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TURKISH FEES ON TRUCKS IN TRANSIT
TAGS: ETRD, ELTN, TU, IR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006